

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A side member is a complement of a pair located on either side of the body of a vehicle so as to extend in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle body, passing under a dash panel located in the front part of the interior of the vehicle so as to cross the vehicle body. The side member comprises a front side member and a rear side member. The front side member extends rearward from the front of the vehicle body, beyond a dash plane which extends along a vertical wall of the dash panel. The rear side member extends forward from the rear of the vehicle body beyond the dash plane and is jointed to the front side member.